



SYNOPSIS

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HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 18, 2015

HB 1123 Delegate Afzali

INCOME TAX – FLAT TAX

Altering the State income tax rate to 3.5% for individuals with Maryland taxable income in excess of \$30,000; altering the county income tax rate to 2.3% on all Maryland taxable income of individuals; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2015.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

TG, § 10-105 - amended and § 10-106 - repealed and added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1124 Delegate Smith

STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY – NATURAL HAIR CARE STYLIST – LICENSURE

Requiring individuals to be licensed by the State Board of Cosmetologists to provide natural hair care styling services in the State; requiring the Board to adopt specified curriculum standards for use by the State Board of Education or the Maryland Higher Education Commission for instruction in providing natural hair care services; establishing the qualifications and examination requirements for applicants for a limited license to provide natural hair care services; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

BOP, §§ 5-101, 5-205, 5-301, 5-305, 5-310, 5-501, and 5-605 - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

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HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 19, 2015**HB 1125 Delegate C. Wilson****FAMILY LAW – REHOMING OF ADOPTED CHILDREN**

Prohibiting a person from rehoming a child, committing specified acts related to rehoming a child, conspiring in the commission of specified acts related to rehoming a child, or acting as an accessory to the commission of specified acts related to rehoming a child; providing that the Act does not apply to the placement of a child by a licensed attorney, a child placement agency, or the State Department of Human Resources; and imposing a specified penalty.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

FL, §§ 5-3C-01 through 5-3C-03 - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1126 Delegate Beidle**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – CAMP WOODLANDS RESTORATION PROJECT**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Girl Scouts of Central Maryland, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, restoration, and capital equipping of buildings and facilities at Camp Woodlands, located in Anne Arundel County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1127 Delegate Oaks**MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION – FREE RIDERSHIP FOR STATE EMPLOYEES**

Requiring the Maryland Transit Administration to extend to employees of the Judicial Branch and the Legislative Branch of State government the application of any program, policy, or practice through which free ridership on transit vehicles is offered to employees of the Executive Branch of State government.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1128 Delegate Cluster**BALTIMORE COUNTY – EDUCATION – WHY TRY PROGRAM**

Establishing the Why Try Program in Baltimore County; specifying the purpose of the Program is to assist a student with an unweighted grade point average of less than 2.0 per quarter and an attendance rate of less than 94% of the required days of school attendance to become a more effective student; requiring the Baltimore County Board of Education to develop and implement the Program; requiring the Board of Education to select specified schools to participate in the Program; requiring the Program to include specified teachers; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

ED, § 7-208 - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1129 Delegates O'Donnell and Dumais**REAL PROPERTY – ACTIONS TO QUIET TITLE**

Authorizing a specified action to be brought to establish title against adverse claims to property; providing for jurisdiction, venue, and the application of specified statutes and rules in an action under the Act; establishing that an action is commenced by filing a complaint; establishing requirements for a complaint, an answer to a complaint, a cross-complaint, naming of defendants, joinder of parties, and service of process in an action under the Act; providing for the effect of a judgment; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

RP, § 14-108 - amended and §§ 14-601 through 14-628 - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1130 Delegate Carter, et al**VEHICLE LAWS – DRIVING WITHOUT A LICENSE OR WHILE LICENSE IS SUSPENDED – PENALTIES**

Altering the maximum penalty for driving a motor vehicle while a person's license or privilege to drive is suspended under specified provisions of State law; altering the maximum penalty for driving a motor vehicle while a person's license or privilege to drive is suspended by another state under specified circumstances; and altering the maximum penalty for driving on a highway without a license.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

TR, § 27-101(c) and (y) - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1131 Delegate Lierman, et al**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF THE CHESAPEAKE**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Habitat for Humanity of the Chesapeake, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Habitat for Humanity of the Chesapeake homes, located in Baltimore City; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1132 Delegates Haynes and B. Robinson**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – ALPHA PHI ALPHA CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Alpha Phi Alpha Corporate Headquarters, located in Baltimore City; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1133 Delegate Walker, et al**TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE WARRANT INTERCEPT PROGRAM FOR MARYLAND INCOME TAX REFUNDS**

Establishing the Task Force to Study the Warrant Intercept Program for Maryland Income Tax Refunds; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving specified compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of specified expenses; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding specified matters; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2016; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1134 Delegate M. Washington**PUBLIC HEALTH – OPIOID MAINTENANCE PROGRAMS – LICENSING**

Requiring that specified regulations adopted by the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene include a requirement that the process for approval of a license for an opioid maintenance program include an assessment of the number of existing slots in specified programs in a specified zip code and the number of individuals in need of specified services in a specified zip code, the severity of drug-related crime in a specified zip code, the population at risk of opioid addiction in a specified zip code, and the need for a program; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HG, § 8-404 - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1135 Delegate B. Wilson**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – LIFE WITHOUT PAROLE – REPEAL OF SENTENCING PROCEEDING**

Repealing specified provisions of law that provide a separate jury proceeding to determine whether a person convicted of first degree murder is sentenced to imprisonment for life without the possibility of parole or imprisonment for life; establishing that a court may sentence a person convicted of first degree murder to imprisonment for life without the possibility of parole without the requirement of a separate jury sentencing procedure under specified circumstances; providing for the prospective application of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CR, §§ 2-201(b) and 2-203 - amended and §§ 2-304 and 2-305 - repealed

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1136 Delegate Shoemaker, et al**HIGHER EDUCATION – MILITARY DEPENDENTS – IN-STATE TUITION**

Exempting spouses and financially dependent children of active duty and retired members of the United States armed forces from paying nonresident tuition at a public institution of higher education in the State under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

ED, § 15-106.4 - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1137 Delegate Shoemaker, et al**PRIMARY EDUCATION – STATE STANDARDIZED ASSESSMENTS – MORATORIUM**

Requiring the State Board of Education to place a moratorium on State standardized assessments in prekindergarten through grade 2 during specified school years; providing that a public school may not be required to administer a specified assessment during a specified time; making a specified exception for the administration of a pilot State standardized assessment in conjunction with a specified report; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1138 Delegate McCray, et al**RAILROAD COMPANY – MOVEMENT OF FREIGHT – REQUIRED CREW**

Prohibiting a train or light engine used in connection with the movement of freight from operating in the State unless it has at least two crew members; providing for the application of the Act; establishing penalties of \$500 for the first offense and \$1,000 for a second offense and each subsequent offense committed within a period of 3 years of the second offense; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

PU, § 9-404 - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1139 Delegate McIntosh, et al**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – NIARCHOS PARKWAY FILM CENTER**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$500,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of The Producer's Club of Maryland, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Niarchos Parkway film Center, located in Baltimore City; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1140 Delegate Kipke, et al**HEALTH INSURANCE – SPECIALTY DRUGS – PARTICIPATING PHARMACIES**

Altering the conditions under which insurers, nonprofit health service plans, or health maintenance organizations may require a covered specialty drug to be obtained through a pharmacy participating in the provider network of the insurer, nonprofit health service plan, or health maintenance organization; altering the definition of “specialty drug”; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2016

IN, § 15-847 - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations